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WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED SECRETARY GENERAL'S NOTE IN REPLY
TO OURS OF APRIL 10, AS FOLLOWS:QUOTE

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS
HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT
OF ITS NOTE OF 10 APRIL 1975 CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN
VIET-NAM.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, WHO HAS CAREFULLY STUDIED THE
NOTE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WISHES TO RECALL THAT HE
HAS REPEATEDLY STATED IN PUBLIC HIS CONCERN AT THE CONTINUING
CONFLICT IN VIET-NAM AND THE GREAT HUMAN SUFFERING TO WHICH
IT HAS GIVEN RISE. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ALSO IN THIS
CONTEXT APPEALED TO ALL CONCERNED TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN
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THEIR MEANS TO RELIEVE THE PLIGHT OF INNOCENT PERSONS,

INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED. HE HAS ALSO EARNESTLY REQUESTED THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF ALL SIDES OF THE FIGHTING FOR EFFECTIVE EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE SUFFERING OF INNOCENT PEOPLE. OBVIOUSLY A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WOULD BE AN ESSENTIAL STEP IN THIS DIRECTION.

ALTHOUGH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS NOT A SIGNATORY PARTY TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM OF 2 MARCH 1973, HE WISHES TO OBSERVE THAT THE ACT OF PARIS WOULD SEEM TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK THROUGH WHICH THE PRESENT CONFLICT COULD BE SHIFTED FROM THE BATTLEFIELD TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, PROVIDED THAT CONDITIONS ARE ESTABLISHED WHICH ARE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE PARTIES.

AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL STATED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS STOOD READY TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WHEREEVER AND WHENEVER IT WAS CALLED UPON TO OFFER USEFUL AND REALISTIC ASSISTANCE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT, SHOULD THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE AREA SO DESIRE, THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS FAMILY OF ORGANIZATIONS COULD PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN RECEIVING, CO-ORDINATING AND CHANNELLING INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLE OF THE REGION.

WITH THIS END IN VIEW, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL MADE HIS APPEAL OF 31 MARCH 1975. HE ALSO APPEALED TO GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS EVERYWHERE FOR INCREASED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HELP MEET ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF THE MILLIONS WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN SUCH TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEPRIVATION AND SUFFERING. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS SET UP SPECIAL MACHINERY AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS TO CO-ORDINATE THE RESPONSES TO THIS APPEAL AND TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORT.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT, SHOULD THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT SO DESIRE, THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTEMPTING TO BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING AND FOR THE RESUMPTION OF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REAFFIRMS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCE OF HIS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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